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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE -- KOREA

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ON AUGUST 30.

2. QUOTE: QUESTION: HAS THE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATED HIS
CONCERN WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KOREA TO THE
KOREAN GOVERNMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE CONGRESS?

3. ANSWER: YES. A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY
OF STATE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, WAS GIVEN TO
KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAHM THIS MORNING BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE HUMMEL.

4. QUESTION: HAS THE CONGRESS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS
ACTION?

5. ANSWER: WE ARE PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF THE COMMUNI-
CATION TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
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COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

6. QUESTION: IS THE DEPARTMENT RELEASING THE TEXT OF THE NOTE?

7. ANSWER: WE DO NOT USUALLY MAKE PUBLIC DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

8. QUESTION: DID ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL RAISE THE RECENT SENTENCING OF KIM TAE CHUNG AND 17 OTHER ANTI-GOVERNMENT FIGURES WITH AMBASSADOR HAHM?

9. ANSWER: I CANNOT COMMENT ON THE DETAILS OF THEIR CONVERSATION. OUR CONCERN WITH THIS CASE IS A MATTER OF RECORD.

10. BACKGROUND: SECTION 412 OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE CONGRESS VIEWS WITH DISTRESS THE EROSION OF IMPORTANT CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATE THIS CONCERN IN FORCEFUL TERMS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT."

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